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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the Application.

Claims 3-8 are allowed.

Claim 1 has been amended.

Claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice. In making this cancellation without prejudice, Applicants reserve all rights in this claim to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

New claims 11-16 have been added in order to further define what the Applicants consider to be the invention.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims and newly submitted claims add no new matter to the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 3-8.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Applicants would like to note that independent claim 1 has been amended to recite all the limitations of claim 9, with minor editorial changes. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended independent claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance, and that

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claims 2 and 10 are likewise allowable by virtue of their dependency from independent claim 1.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Heineck et al. (US. Patent Number 5,519,759) in view of well known prior art.

Specifically, the Examiner contended that Heineck et al. does not teach monitoring transmissions of the base station connected with the mobile unit, but contended that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Heineck to include active monitoring of a communication session between the base station and the mobile unit.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, without conceding the appropriateness of this rejection, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC §103(a) is now moot.

Remarks to New claims

New claims 11-16 have been added to further define subject matter included in the scope of the present invention.

No new matter has been added.

New independent claim 11 relates to a system including a first wireless communication base station able to synchronize to a second base station, which is connected to a mobile unit. Claim 11 recites, in paraphrase that the first base station is able to monitor transmissions of at least one of the second base station, the mobile unit, and a beacon signal from a beacon transmitter which is within range of the first and second base stations; and to synchronize the first base station to the second base station based on the monitored transmissions, and on call parameters and rough synchronization information received from the second base station, the call parameters being related to the connection between the mobile unit and the second base station.

Applicants respectfully assert that Heineck, alone or in combination with any other

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previously cited prior art, does not disclose, teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention, and therefore does not anticipate claim 11, and does not render claim 11 obvious.

Accordingly, independent claim 11 is in condition for allowance.

Each one of new claims 12 and 13 depends directly from independent claim 11, and includes all the features of independent claim 11 as well as additional distinguishing features.

Accordingly, claims 12 and 13 are in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 14 relates to a wireless communication base station able to synchronize to another base station connected to a mobile unit. Independent claim 14 recites, in paraphrase, that the wireless base station includes a synchronization module able to receive rough synchronization information from the base station connected to the mobile unit; perform, based on the rough synchronization information, a wide-range search for a target signal having a correct timing for the mobile unit; narrow the search for an actual signal from the mobile unit; acquire the target signal; and synchronize to the base station connected with the mobile unit.

Applicants respectfully assert that Heineck, alone or in combination with any other previously cited prior art, does not disclose, teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention, and therefore does not anticipate claim 14, and does not render claim 14 obvious.

Accordingly, independent claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

Each one of new claims 15 and 16 depends directly from independent claim 14, and includes all the features of independent claim 14 as well as additional distinguishing features.

Accordingly, claims 15 and 16 are in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, and for at least the reasons discussed above, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-8 and 10-16 are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

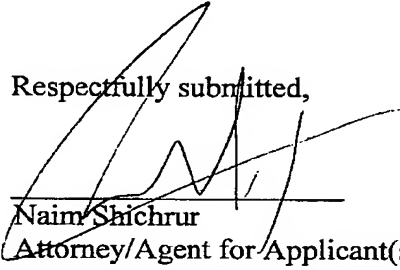
Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the

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prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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